

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND & WATER**

PUBLIC NOTICE PURSUANT TO AS 38.05.945

PROPOSED STATE LAND OFFERINGS

**AS 38.05.035(e)
Dishna Subdivision**

PROPOSED MINERAL CLOSING

38.05.185

Subject to AS 38.05, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water (Division) proposes to survey and offer for sale State land, referred to as the Dishna Subdivision, through a public, sealed bid auction. This is in keeping with the general recommendations from the Kuskokwim Area Plan. The Division will survey up to 40 parcels, containing at least one acre each. Additionally, the Division proposes to close the project area, 55 acres, to mineral entry to prevent potential conflicts between surface and subsurface users. A minimum bid for each parcel will be set at the appraised fair market value. Bidders will be required to provide a deposit of no less than 5% of their bid amount. The state will refund deposits to unsuccessful bidders. The Division does not intend to impose deed restrictions to control post-patent use. Restrictions regarding land use will be handled by the local zoning authority, if any.

The proposed project area is located within the Village of McGrath in Section 17 Township 33 North, Range 33 West, Seward Meridian, USS 2646. Approximately 55 acres will be subdivided into 25 to 40 parcels ranging from 1 to 2 acres in size to be offered for sale at a future public sealed bid auction. Minimum purchase price is established at the appraised fair market value for each parcel. See the Preliminary Finding and Decisions for full legal description and map of project area.

An Open House will be held in McGrath on Thursday, November 17, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Assembly Room of the Cap'n Snow Center at the corner of Takotna and F Street, McGrath, AK. The public is encouraged to attend.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945, public notice of this action will be conducted. The public is invited to comment on the proposed action. Copies of the preliminary decision are available at the Division of Mining, Land, and Water, Land Sales and Contract Administration Section, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 640, Anchorage, AK 99501-3576. Copies are also available at the department's Public Information Offices in Juneau, Fairbanks, and Anchorage or at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/landsale/>. Comments must be received in writing by the Division of Mining, Land, and Water, Land Sales and Contract Administration Section, Attention: Jennifer Smith, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 640, Anchorage, AK 99501-3576 on or before **5:00 p.m. Monday, December 19, 2005** in order to ensure consideration. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to jennifer_smith@dnr.state.ak.us or by fax at (907) 269-8916.

All written responses will be considered. Only persons who comment in writing during the comment period will be eligible to file an administrative appeal of the final finding and decision.

If public comment in response to this notice indicates the need for significant changes in the above decision, additional public notice for the affected decision will be given on or about the middle of January, 2006. The State reserves the right to withdraw a parcel from consideration at any time. Withdrawing a parcel will not be considered a significant change requiring public notice. If no significant change is required, the Preliminary Finding and Decision, including any minor changes and a summary of comments and responses, will be issued as the Final Finding and Decision of the Department of Natural Resources, without further notice. The final decision will set out the applicable process for appealing the decision under AS 38.05.035 (i)-(m). A copy of the final decision will also be available at the address above and will be sent to any person who comments on the preliminary decision. If you have any questions concerning this proposed action, please contact Jennifer Smith at (907) 269-8591. Individuals with audio impairments may call the department's Public Information Center in Anchorage between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (907) 269-8400, or email: pic@dnr.state.ak.us or TDD# (907) 269-8411.

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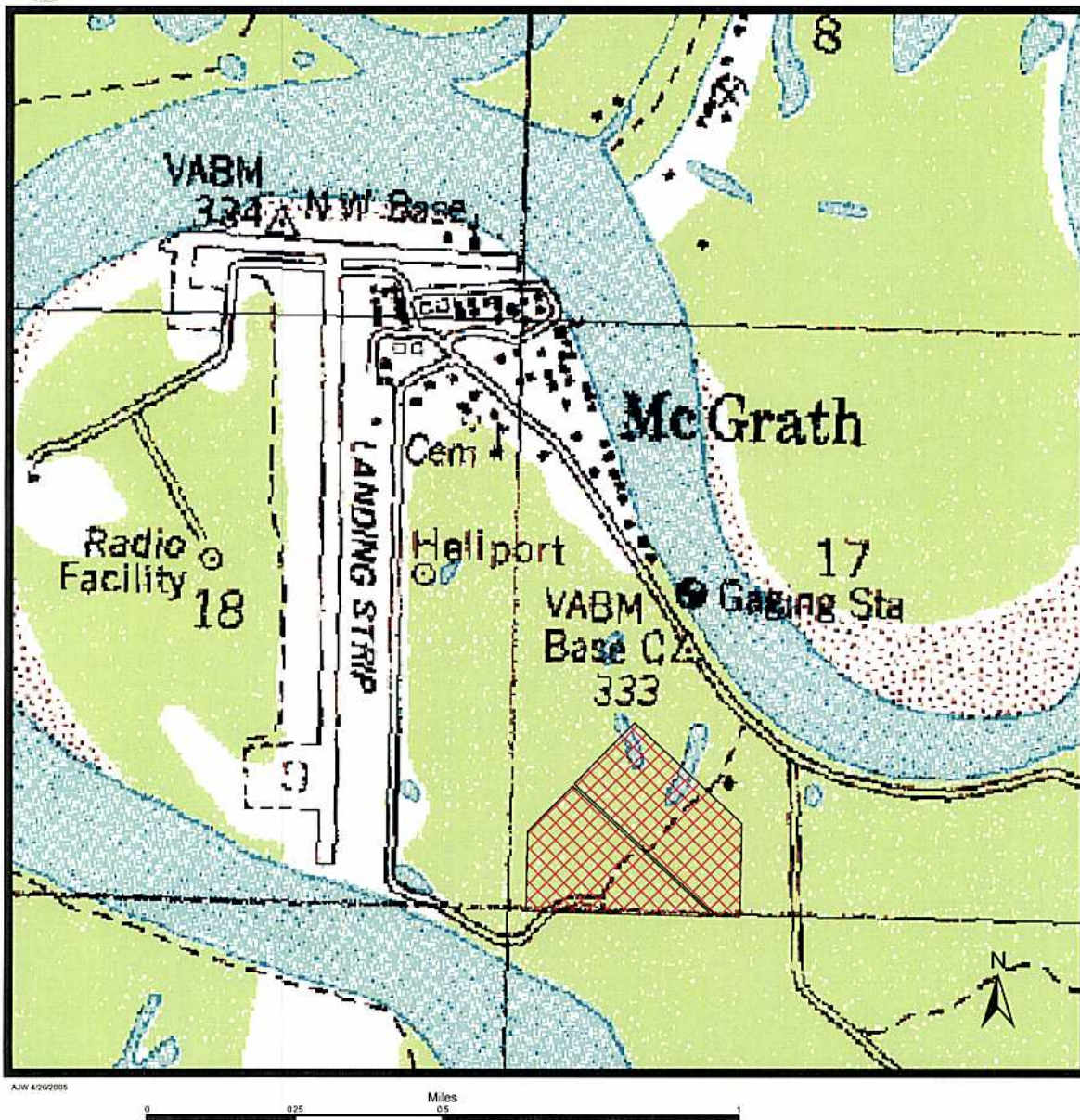
Attachment A


Southcentral Region

PROPOSED SUBDIVISION SALES PROJECT



USS 2646 within the SW1/4 Sec. 17
Township 33 North, Range 33 West, Seward Meridian



 Proposed Project Area

USGS QUAD 1:63,360

McGrath D-6

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